



Getting Ready
Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments

Announcing the adoption and transition to
Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments
by the Montana Board of Public Education
on **November 4, 2011**.

The Montana Office of Public Instruction will provide on-going information, training and resources.

Website: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/MontanaCommonCoreStandards>

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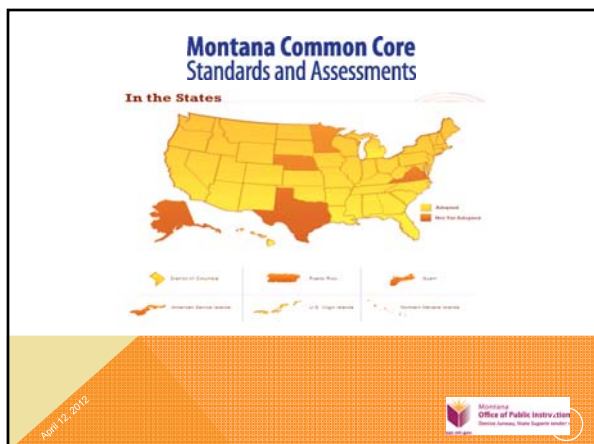


PURPOSE OF THE MONTANA COMMON CORE STANDARDS

"These Standards are not intended to be new names for old ways of doing business. They are a call to take the next step. It is time for states to work together to build on lessons learned from two decades of standards based reforms."

-Common Core State Standards for Mathematics

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Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments

In the States

Legend:
 - Yellow: Standard
 - Orange: Practice
 - Red: Quality
 - Dark Red: Not for Adoption

Map showing Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments across the United States.

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COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS INITIATIVE (CCSSI)

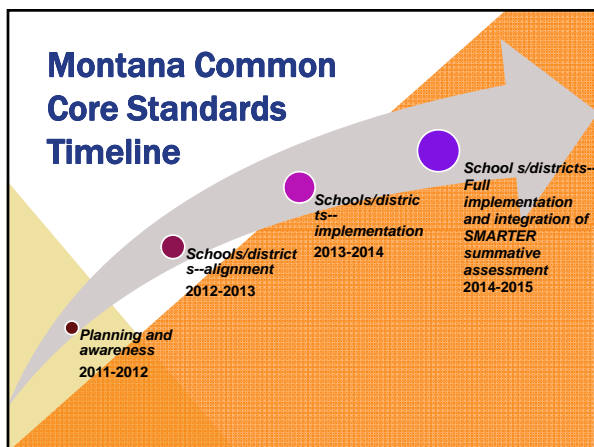
- Led by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association
- May 2009, State Superintendent Juneau and Governor Schweitzer signed a Memorandum of Agreement
- Montana involved educators from across the state in a thoughtful process



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Montana Common Core Standards Timeline



KEY DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments

- College and Career Ready and grade-specific standards
- Grade levels for K-8; grade bands for 9-10 and 11-12
- An integrated model of literacy
- Research and media skills blended into the Standards as a whole
- Integration of American Indian Education For All
- Shared responsibility for students' literacy development
- A focus on the results rather than means



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SIX MAJOR SHIFTS IN ELA/LITERACY

Shift 1: K-5 Balancing Informational and Literary Text	Shift 2: 6-12 Knowledge in the Content Areas	Shift 3: Grade- level Text Complexity
Shift 4: Text- based Answers	Shift 5: Writing from Sources	Shift 6: Academic Vocabulary

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EXPLORING THE SHIFTS



<http://engageny.org/resource/common-core-video-series/>

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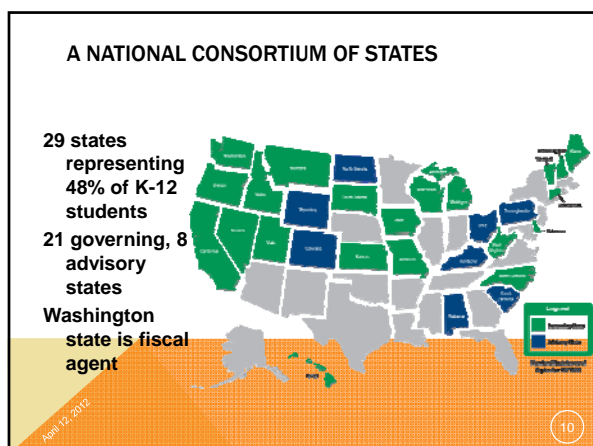
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SMARTER

Balanced Assessment Consortium

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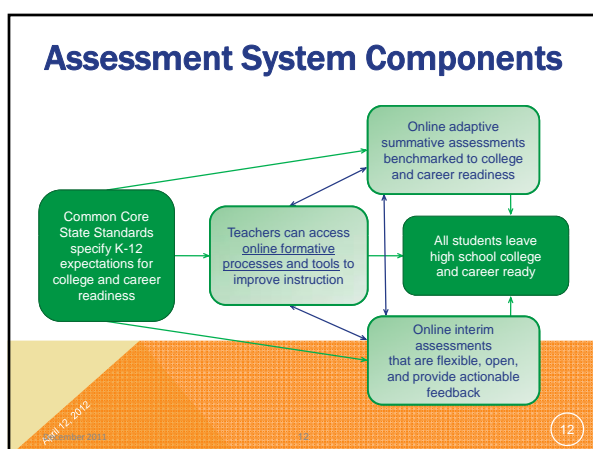


The Purpose of the Consortium

- To develop a set of comprehensive and innovative assessments for grades 3-8 and high school in English language arts and mathematics aligned to the Common Core State Standards
- To ensure that all students leave high school prepared for postsecondary success in college or a career through increased student learning and improved teaching.

The assessments shall be operational across consortium states in the 2014-15 school year.

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GRADES SUPPORTED

Grades	Summative	Interim (Optional)	Formative Tools and Professional Learning (Optional)
3 — 8	✓	✓	✓
9 — 10	✓	✓ EOC and Comprehensive	✓
11	✓	✓ EOC and Comprehensive	✓
12	Optional	✓ EOC and Comprehensive	✓

ADMINISTRATION OPTIONS

Administration Options	Summative	Interim (Optional)	Formative Tools and Professional Learning (Optional)
Computer Based	✓	✓	Multi-Media support for Instruction with exemplars of Strategies
Adaptive	✓	✓	✓
Support For Paper	✓	✓	✓

Assessments Not Included in SMARTER

- CRT-Alternate
- Science

Assessment Between 2012 and 2014-15

- CRT based on “old” Montana standards
 - Reporting stays the same
- Field testing
 - Items aligned to Montana Common Core Standards (MCCS)
 - Progressive release of field test items aligned to MCCS

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EFFECT OF MCCS ON THE 2013 MONTCAS CRT

Operational (scored) items

- where possible, items will align to both the previous Montana Standards and the new Montana Common Core Standards (MCCS)

Field test (non-scored) items

- will be written to align with the MCCS, targeting standards that are similar to those in the previous Montana Standards

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TRANSITION PLAN

- Continue to focus on items that will meet the existing MontCAS CRT test blueprint
- Gradually introduce items that also align to MCCS into the test
- Code test items to both sets of standards for as long as this is practical and desirable
- Stop developing and field testing new items that match *only* the “old” Montana Standards

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ASSESSMENT ITEM DIFFERENCES

- Many of the standards are very similar between Montana Standards and MCCS
- Priority will be made to first field-test items that match both sets of standards, so differences will be minimized

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CRT RELEASED ITEMS AND MARS

2012 – 2014 CRT administrations

- Traditional field test positions will be used to pilot MCCS items
- All assessed MCCS items will be released each year on MARS
 - Multiple choice in late May
 - Constructed Response in September
- MARS interactive site will report released items coded to Montana standards and MCCS

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NOTE: Very few released items will be coded to the Montana standards in 2012.

PREPARING FOR TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Technology Readiness Survey

- Sample of districts and schools
 - April and May 2012
- OPI Lead
 - Colet Bartow
 - Library-Information Literacy Specialist
 - 406-444-3583 or cbartow@mt.gov

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To learn more...



- **SMARTER**

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

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